



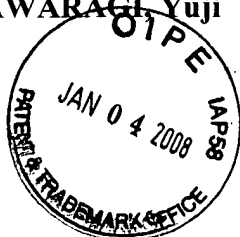
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For: **RECORDING CLOCK SIGNAL GENERATING APPARATUS AND
RECORDING CLOCK SIGNAL GENERATING METHOD FOR
INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE (AS AMENDED)**

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